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Copy of William Gregg's

PAPER

Delivered by him, to the Sheriffs of *London* and *Middlesex*, and *Paul Lorrain* Ordinary of *Newgate*, at *Tyburn*, the Place where he was Executed for High Treason, on *Wednesday* the 28th of *April* 1708.

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THE Crime I am now justly to suffer for, having made a great Noise in the World, a Paper of a more than ordinary Length will be expected from the Criminal; who therefore takes this last Opportunity, to profess his utter Abhorrence, and Sincere Repentance of all his Sins against GOD, and of the heinous Crime committed against the *QUEEN*, whose Forgiveness I most humbly implore; as I shall heartily pray for *HER MAJESTY*'s long Life and happy Reign over her United People, and Success against Her Enemies, with my parting Breath:

This being all the Satisfaction I can possibly make Injur'd *MAJESTY*.

I declare in the next place the Reparation I would make, were it in my Power, to those of *HER MAJETTY*'s Subjects, I have wronged in any kind; and particularly the Right Honourable *Robert Harley*, Esq; whose Pardon I heartily beg for basely Betraying my Trust: Which Declaration, though of it self sufficient to clear the said Gentleman, yet for the Sake of those whom it was my Misfortune not to be able to satisfie in my Life-time, I do sacredly protest, That, as I shall answer it before the Judgment-Seat of CHRIST, The Gentleman aforesaid, was not privy to my Writing to *France*, Directly nor Indirectly; Neither I, his unworthy Clerk, any ways accessary to the Miscarriage before *Thoulon*, nor the Losses by Sea: All which happened before the First of my Letters, which was writ the 24th of *October*, 1707.

As for my Creditors, as I am in no Condition to satisfie them, so I earnestly beg they would forgive me; and I pray God to make up their Losses to them Seven fold.

For my own part, I do freely Forgive all Men, and Die in perfect Charity with them; not without humble Hopes of finding Forgiveness, through the Merits of JESUS CHRIST, with God; who in Mercy touched my Conscience so powerfully from the Beginning, as to prevent my prostituting the same to save my Life: For which Instance of his Love, to be preferr'd before Life it self, I bless and magnifie his Holy Name, with unspeakable Joy and Comfort at my Death; nothing near so Ignominious as would have been such a Life.

After this Confession, the Duty of a Dying Man leads me to profess the Religion in which I was brought up, and do now die, which is the PROTESTANT: The Scandal given whereunto by my Enormous Practices, can't be better taken away, than by my publishing to the World, my hearty Sorrow for those sensual Pleasures which have proved my Bane. Wherefore let all that shall read this poor Paper, take Warning by me to shun the like youthful Lusts; to which, whoever gives up himself, can't tell how far they may, when indulg'd, carry him; even to the Committing of such Crimes as he thought himself incapable of, some time a day: Of which Sad Truth: I, to my woful Experience, am a Melancholy Instance: But at the same time, I appeal to the Great GOD, before whom I am now going to appear, That, notwithstanding all the Pains taken to make me out an Old Offender, by fastening on me the Crime of Counterfeiting the Coin, this is the first Fault that ever I ventur'd upon, which was not out of any Zeal for the Pretender; whom I not only Disown at my Death, but solemnly Declare, That in all my Life, I never thought he had any Right to these Realms, how foolishly soever I may have render'd my self obnoxious in this Particular: But the only Motive of my mad Undertaking was Money; of which I never Receiv'd any on Account of the Ship-Pass, though I have met with the more just Reward of such Secret Services, intended by

W. Gregg.